

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Proposed Community TOP SECRET Classification
for National Foreign Intelligence

1. The CIA proposal to include combinations to security equipment was found to pose considerable difficulty in some areas of the Community. In example, throughout the entire Department of Defense and the uniformed services there are regulations providing for certification at various levels of storage containers. Some facilities are authorized to store materials no higher than SECRET. It would be an unnecessary burden on these elements to force the upgrading of their storage capabilities by mandating a TOP SECRET classification for the combination of their container.

2. In consideration of the fact that CIA desires TOP SECRET classification for combination of containers on the principle of their potential rather than actual contents, would CIA be willing to endorse the guides if the following change is made to their proposed category.

CIA Proposal

"9. Security Equipment Combinations

(1) The combinations to vaults, secure areas and individual security containers since, under certain conditions, this security equipment may be utilized to store Top Secret material."

Proposed change

"9. Security Equipment Combinations

(1) The combinations to vaults, secure areas and individual security containers when such facilities are authorized for the storage of Top Secret material."

3. If this change is acceptable, the SECOM Staff will incorporate it along with changes being proposed by others in a new draft and circulate that draft for coordination.



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